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1. IN REVIEW OF PANAMA COMMERCIAL CODE AND LAWS APPLICABLE TO BUSINESS, EMBASSY WAS UNABLE IDENTIFY ANY LAWS OR REGULATIONS GOVERNING OR PROHIBITING INVOLVEMENT BY FOREIGN BUSINESS AGENTS IN SALES TO GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA. A MEMBER OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE LEGAL STAFF WITH WHOM EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY INFORMALLY RAISE QUESTION STATED THAT ANY LITIGATION GROWING OUT OF ALLEGED BRIBE WOULD MOST LIKELY BE BASED ON GENERAL PROVISIONS OF CIVIL CODE RELATING TO CONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND PRINCIPAL DEFENDANTS WOULD BE THE LATTER.

2. PROVISOS OF 1972 CONSTITUTION, OTHER LAWS AND COMMERCIAL CODE WHICH AFFECT DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN PANAMA ARE DESCRIBED IN PUBLICATION "A STATEMENT OF THE LAWS OF PANAMA IN MATTERS AFFECTING BUSINESS" PREPARED UNDER AUSPICES OF THE OAS IN A1974.

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